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DIST: 13 JANUARY 1983
 COUNTRY: EL SALVADORSUBJECT: COMMENTS OF SENIOR SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES OFFICERS TO
 PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR CONCERNING RESOLUTION OF
 OCDEA AFFAIR.

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SOURCE: [redacted]

TEXT: 1. ON 12 JANUARY 1983, TWO SENIOR SALVADORAN MILITARY
 OFFICERS MET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT ALVARO ((MACANA))
 TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION OF THE REBELLION OF LTC. SIGIFREDO
 ((OCDEA)) PEREZ, CABANAS DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDER. THE TWO OFFICERS,
 COL. ADOLFO O. ((BLANDON)), COMMANDER OF THE 1ST INFANTRY
 BRIGADE, AND COL. JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)), COMMANDER OF THE
 AIR FORCE, ASKED THE PRESIDENT TO PERSONALLY GUARANTEE THAT
 MINISTER OF DEFENSE, GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)), WOULD
 RESIGN HIS POSITION WITHIN 60 DAYS. THE TWO OFFICERS WARNED
 THE PRESIDENT THAT IF GARCIA DID NOT LEAVE OFFICE WITHIN THAT
 TIME, THE 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE AND THE AIR FORCE WOULD STAGE A
 REBELLION SIMILAR TO THAT ORCHESTRATED BY OCDEA. THE PRESIDENT
 INFORMED THE TWO OFFICERS THAT THEY HAD HIS WORD THAT GARCIA
 WOULD LEAVE WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME. [redacted]

[COL. WAFAEL FLORES LIMA, CHIEF OF STAFF, CONSIDERS
 THAT GARCIA MAY ATTEMPT TO REMAIN IN OFFICE DESPITE HIS AGREEMENT
 TO RESIGN.]

2. ON 11 JANUARY 1983, DURING A CONFERENCE OF FIELD
 COMMANDERS HELD TO DISCUSS THE OCDEA REBELLION, THE FIELD
 COMMANDERS UNANIMOUSLY STATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT MACANA
 AND PLEDGED TO GIVE CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL REFORMS

AND TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE COUNTRY. ADDITIONALLY, THESE
 OFFICERS AGREED THAT THE ARMED FORCES' PROCLAMATION OF
 OCTOBER 1979 CONTINUES IN EFFECT.

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